(c) by when the country is expected to be self-sufficient in the production of sugar.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Figures of quantum of sugar imported during the last 3 years and the CIF value thereof are as under :—

Financial Year	Quantum of import (L/Tonnes)	CIF value (Rs./ Crores)
1983-84.	Nil	Nil
1984-85.	4·96	113·62
1985-86. (provisional estimate	19·38	430·62

(c) To meet the increased requirement of sugar for internal consumption, measures have already been initiated to encourage sugar production including the payment of remunerative cane prices to the growers by the sugar factories. With the increase in sugar production and larger availability of indigenous sugar, the dependence on imported sugar will get correspondingly reduced.

Cotton destroyed in Maharashtra

2343. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased state:

(a) what is the quantity of cotton destroyed/demaged in Vidarbha area of Maharashtra during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 and the value thereof; and

(b) the amount of compensation, if any paid by the Central Government to the cotton growers/mill owners during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The quantity of cotton destroyed/ demaged by fire in Vidarbha area of Maharashtra is as under :

(Rs in lakhs)

Season	Quantity	Value
1982-83	11,2801Qtl. Ctn. 12,906 Ctn. Bls.	411.02
1983-84	4,265 Qtn. Ctn. 1388 Ctn. Bls.	79.16
1984-85	9505 Qtl. Ctn. 3091 Ctn. Bls.	115.05

(b) The above cotton was insured and hence the loss thereof has been compensated by the insurance company.

Steps to increase the flow of foreign tourists to India

2344. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign tourists who visited India during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the number of foreign tourists expected to visit during the current financial year; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the flow of foreign tourists to India?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHR H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The number of foreign tourists, excluding